



The Newsletter of the High Country, Tolland Massachusetts

The Tolland Tattler

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Nature of Tolland

Town-wide Event on Saturday, June 24th

5:00 – 9:00 p.m. - RAIN or SHINE!

- 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Photography Exhibit: Photos of people, places and nature in Tolland that have been brought to the library which will be open during the event. This photo exhibit will be on display all summer.
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Kids' Recreation: Mary Ann Deming and Mike Sullivan and the Tolland 4-H'ers will be overseeing the kid's games.
- 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Historical Society Exhibition at the Church on the Green: Old photos, Town Reports and town artifacts help make the past come "alive".
- 6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Supper: Bring a main dish plus one side dish or dessert, and your own beverages. We'll feast from a pot luck dinner of our culinary specialties at community tables. Plates, cutlery, glasses and napkins will be provided.
- 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Entertainment: Easy listening throughout the evening. Bring a comfy chair or blanket to sit on and don't forget you're insect repellent.
- 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Singer Tony Raurus featuring songs from the 40's thru 80's.
- 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Zoe Darrow and the Fiddleheads (from Blandford), fiddler, guitar and keyboard. Bluegrass and more. Go to www.zoedarrow.com for Zoe Darrow and the Fiddleheads web page and sound bites.

Put June 24th on your calendar!

Make plans to get together with your friends and neighbors for this fun evening!

Go to www.tolland-ma.gov for the most up-to-date information.

Logging Bylaw

Town of Tolland, Massachusetts

No logging operation shall start without the permission of the Superintendent of Public Works and the Conservation Commission, in writing. Any landowner who plans to cut trees for forest products must notify the appropriate regional office of the Division of Forests and Parks of his intention. Owners of record of land within 200 feet of the boundary of the cutting area shall also be notified. Notification of the Tolland Conservation Commission and the Tolland Department of Public Works shall consist of a properly executed Notice of Intent. Notification must be received by the town at least ten (10) business days before the cutting operation begins.

Landings shall be a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from a public way with a curved road to break the line of sight. Landings will have all rubbish, garbage and trash such as cans, papers, discarded tires, metal parts and other junk removed. Waste wood such as branches, cut log ends and logs will be placed neatly to improve the appearance of the landing and promote a rapid decay.

The soil shall be stabilized and seeded to grass at the end of the operation. In order to reduce the tracking of mud onto the highway during the operation, part of the access road will be graveled or mulched if necessary, or use will be curtailed during wet weather. Any mud will promptly be removed from the highway. Every owner, lessee, tenant or occupant of lands, or of any rights or interests therein, except electric, telephone and telegraph companies, who cuts or permits the cutting of brush, wood or timber on lands which border upon woodland of another, or upon a highway or railroad location, shall dispose of the slash caused by such cutting in such a manner that the same will not remain on the ground within forty feet of any woodland of another, or of any railroad location, or within one hundred feet from the center of any public way and all slash resulting from such cutting operations shall be cut and scattered in such a manner as to minimize the danger from fire. Wherever multiple highway systems exist adjacent to cuttings, no slash shall be permitted within one hundred feet from the outer edge of the highway. No slash shall be permitted within twenty-five feet of any brook, stream, pond, river or water supply.

Penalty for Violation of this Bylaw: In addition to any other legal remedies that may be available, Whoever violates any provision of this by-law, the violation of which is subject to specific penalty, may be penalized by non-criminal disposition as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D as amended in accordance with the penalty and fine schedule established in the Town of Tolland Bylaw.

Adopted at Special Town Meeting on March 28, 2005

Approved by Massachusetts Attorney General on November 16, 2005

Dog Control Bylaw
Town of Tolland, MA

Prohibited: No person owning a dog in the Town shall permit such dog to be at large in the Town, elsewhere than on the premises of the owner or keeper except if it be on the premises of another person with the knowledge and permission of such other person. Such owner or keeper of a dog in the Town which is not on the premises of the owner or upon the premises of another person with the knowledge and permission of such person shall be required to have said dog under his complete control at all times.

Prima facie evidence. In any prosecution hereunder the presence of such dog at large upon premises other than the premises of the owner or keeper of such dog shall be prima facie evidence that such knowledge and permission was not had.

Procedure when dog found to be at large. Any dog found to be at large in violation of this section shall be caught and confined by the dog officer, who shall notify forthwith the licensed owner or keeper of such dog, failing which the dog shall be destroyed. The owner or keeper of such dog shall be required to pay the reasonable expenses of maintaining such dog in confinement, including, but not limited to, costs of feeding, medical care, medicines, and the like. Return of the dog to the licensed owner or keeper shall be dependent upon admission of ownership or the keeping of the dog and the assumption of responsibility by the licensed owner or keeper. The dog officer shall enter and prosecute a complaint against the owner or keeper of any dog taken into his custody under this section; provided, that if within the twelve months next preceding this offense the owner or keeper has not been convicted for violation of this section or a dog owned or kept by him has not been taken into custody for violation of this section the dog officer may waive prosecution. If found to be unlicensed at the time of apprehension, the owner or keeper of the particular dog will be, in fact, required to furnish proof of rabies inoculation and current years license, prior to removal from the confinement facilities.

Designation of public areas for exercise and training of dogs. The Board of Selectmen may designate times and places on public park property where dogs may be exercised or trained while under the control and supervision of their masters.

Licensed hunting dogs. This section, or any part thereof shall not apply to licensed hunting dogs owned by a licensed hunter engaging in the sport of hunting or training for such hunting.

Duty of Police, etc. Any Police officer or other person who catch a dog found at large shall turn such dog over to the dog officer in accordance with the provisions of this section and shall not kill any such dog.

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From the Transfer Station Committee: New Transfer Station Stickers: New Transfer Station Stickers may be purchased for \$65.00 at the town hall during regular business hours anytime after June 12, 2006. Stickers will be good for July 1, 2006 thru June 30, 2007. A second sticker is available per household for \$5.00. Each sticker will be dated, numbered and have the purchaser's name written on the sticker. Stickers will need to be displayed on a window located on the driver's side of the purchaser's car/truck.

Bids for Transfer Station Building: Anyone wishing to put in a bid for building the new transfer station shed to be erected this summer should pick up an information packet at the town hall during regular business hours after June 2, 2006. Bids will need to be returned to the selectman's office before their July 10, 2006 meeting.

From the Animal Control Officer: Found: Medium sized black and white female dog. She was wearing a black collar with no tags. Anyone thinking she might be yours call 258-4089 between the hours of 9am-9pm. Thank you.

Full Time Residents: Please don't forget to get your town dog license! If you have not done this call the town clerk at the town hall and make arrangement to do this. There is a late fee if you wait too long!

Summer Residents/Visitors to Tolland: If you are a summer person it is helpful if you put ID on your dog when you are visiting Tolland with both your Tolland number and your home phone number. If by chance your dog gets loose or lost I would like to be able to return him to you quickly. Your dog should wear his rabies/town tags all the times but they can be torn off a collar so sometimes having the collar ID written or sewn on the collar is the best way thing you can do. A good thing to do if you are visiting is stick a copy of your dog's vaccination records and a copy of your rabies certificate in your car's glove box and you will have records with your dog in case of emergency or an unforeseen dog/animal bite.

Bears: Black Bears have been seen all over Tolland this spring. Please don't try to attract these animals! Keep your garbage inside and remember that they will come right up to your home to get into a bird feeder. They are fun to see but remember that they are wild animals and should not be encouraged to be near humans. For more information about bears and living near them please look at the website: http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/dfw_bears.htm

Moose: Moose have been living in Tolland for years. Several have been spotted on our roadways already this spring especially near the bridge on the Tolland/Granville line. Mass Wildlife reported the following in their recent newsletter: Attention automobile drivers, moose are moving this season! One recent collision in Hatfield resulted in hospitalization of car passengers. This year, by mid-May, 14 moose/vehicle collisions were documented. Last year, 29 moose were reported killed. "Motorists need to be aware of the increasing number of moose in Massachusetts and their tendency to cross roads at night," said Bill Woytek, MassWildlife Moose Project Leader. He further explained that May and June have increased moose activity as adult female moose prepare for bearing calves, last year's young are driven off to begin life on their own. The yearlings disperse in search of food and often cross busy highways or cut through suburban and urban areas, usually unnoticed under cover of darkness. MassWildlife advises motorists to slow down and drive defensively on morning and evening commutes as moose are most active at dawn and dusk. mLast year, MassWildlife and the Environmental Police immobilized and relocated 9 moose, destroyed 3 moose that were immediate threats to public safety and 11 that were sick or injured. So far in 2006, 1 moose has been relocated and 14 moose/vehicle collisions, plus 1 moose / train collision, have been reported. The first human fatality involving a moose/vehicle collision occurred in 2003. The highest annual vehicle/moose collision figure recorded was 52 in 2004. All moose incidents should be reported to MassWildlife or the Environmental Police. Woytek noted that while drivers are allowed by law to keep deer they have hit, only MassWildlife or the Environmental Police can make decisions regarding the disposition of moose involved in vehicle collisions. For more information about moose, visit the MassWildlife website at www.mass.gov/masswildlife <<http://www.mass.gov/masswildlife>> and click on WILDLIFE.

Thank you, Joanne Duval

From the Trustees of Reservations

WOODS FORUM

July 11, 2006 at the Tolland Town Hall

7:00 p.m.

Landowners face important decisions with lasting consequences for the future of their land. The Highland Communities Initiative is sponsoring this forum to bring together local woodland owners, conservation groups, and forest resource professionals from UMass Extension to share information and experiences to help make critical decisions about selling land or timber.

For more information, please contact the Highland Communities Initiative at (413) 268-8219 or email hci@ttor.org.

Presented by the Hilltowns Communities Initiative - Trustees of Reservations

2006 Granville Harvest Fair

Columbus Day Weekend

Applications are now available for artists and craftsmen to apply for booth space at the 25th Annual Harvest Fair, Columbus Day Weekend, October 7, 8, and 9, 2006.

The following Granville organizations may be contacted by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope with your request to:

- Federated Church - c/o Jenny Maceyka, 173 South Lane
- Old Meeting House - c/o Coralie Stevenson, P.O. Box 193
 - Town Green - c/o Linda Blakesley, 397 Main Road
 - Town Library - c/o Nancy Petersen, P.O. Box 222
 - Village School - c/o Sharon Goode, 552 South Lane

Tolland Congregational Church



Tolland Congregational Church

Summer services will be held on

- Sunday July 9
- Sunday July 16
- Sunday July 23
- Sunday July 30

at 10:30am

All are welcome.

Fire Department News



Residents of Tolland,

Sadly, I write to inform you that the Fire Department has decided not to hold our Annual Steak Roast. The event has become too much for too few to do. If our membership increases, the department would like to reestablish this event as it was a good fund raiser and a nice family oriented event. Thank you for your support over the years.

I would also like to inform you that I have decided to decline my appointment as Fire Chief. During my 5 years as Chief, I have discovered that the increasing demands on my time for inspections, training, research, paperwork and politics would be better invested in my family. I will continue to serve the town as a firefighter and EMT, and assist the newly appointed Chief as much as I can.

The department has elected and the Selectmen have appointed Robert Littlefield, Sr. to the position of Fire Chief. Bob has served as a member of the department for nine years. He is a firefighter that I certified through the Connecticut Fire Academy and has served as a firefighter since 1985. He brings a wealth of firefighting and rescue experience and some new energy to the position. He can be reached for Fire Department business at (413) 258-2859.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people: Steve DellaGiustina, Ralph Morrison, Tom Ackey, Paul Harvey, Jim Meadows, Brad Burall and Don Rider for their guidance and assistance. Their experiences as Fire Chief were a valuable assest during my appointment as Chief.

I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Eric Munson III, John Panaia and Margaret McLellan for their assistance over the years. Lastly, I would like to thank my wife Mary and Judy and Francis Deming for their support. I couldn't have put in the time without their help.

Sincerely, Mark Bredenfoerder

Residents of Tolland,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Fire Chief. For the preceding nine years I have had the pleasure of serving as a firefighter for the town while filling the capacity of Deputy Fire Chief for the past five of those years.

We have a wonderful group of volunteer members on the the department whom I would like to publicly thank for their dedication while looking forward to continued enthusiasm and commitment in the future. Along with my election as Fire Chief, the department has also elected Eric Munson, III as the new Deputy Fire Chief and Mark Bredenfoerder as Captain. Other members of the Fire Department are Mike Sullivan, Tom Paine, Brian Karadimis, Julie Skibski and the cadets.

Fire Department News, continued

Due to increased demands of family time and work, the department has decided to hold our meetings/drills every other Tuesday evening. Our meetings are scheduled from 7:00 - 10:00pm. If anyone is interested in becoming a member as a Firefighter, First Responder or EMT, please feel free to contact me at (413) 258-2859 or come join us during one of our meetings/drills to see what we do and ask any questions. New members are always welcome. There are classes available to any interested persons to become certified as First Responder or EMT. Mile Sullivan, Julie Skibski and myself have recently been re-certified as First Responders after attending a three week course.

I would like to thank John Panaia and Wayne Carr from the Tolland DPW, for helping out with a fire call in April. John was first on the scene, which helped tremendously. Thank you again, John and Wayne.

The department would sincerely like to thank all the people who have donated money to the Fire Department over the years. Being a volunteer department, as we are, any donations are greatly appreciated. Due to the recent decision not to hold our Annual Steak Roast Fundraiser, should anyone like to make a donation to the department please feel free to do so. Checks can be made payable to Tolland Volunteer Fire Department and mailed to 162 Colebrook River Road, Tolland, MA 01034. Thank you in advance for your considerations!

In conclusion , I would like to thank my wife Robin and sons BJ, Jake, Kevin and Kyle for their support in my decision to accept the position and demands of Fire Chief.

Sincerely, Robert Littlefield, Sr.

Fire Department Responses for April and May, 2006

During the month of April the Department responded to:

- Two medical calls
- One fire call - brush fire
- Mutual aid to Town of Sandisfield - brush fire
- Mutual aid to Town of Granville - brush fire

During the month of May the Department responded to:

- Three medical calls
- One fire call - brush fire
- Mutual aid to Town of Colebrook, CT - standby
- Mutual aid to Town of Granville - structure fire



The Tunxis Club is looking for on-call baby sitters this summer
Call Todd at 413 258-4875. References needed.

From The Police Department:

I would just like to thank all the people that came out to vote for the repairs to the police cruiser. The cruiser has been repaired and is now back in service. The cruiser was taken out of service in early March do to worn out tires and bad upper and lower ball joints.

The police department will be resuming patrols and focusing on speeding and other traffic violations. Any town's people who have any suggestions on areas the department can concentrate their efforts please contact the police department through the town hall.

All the members of the department would like to say thanks to departing Fire Chief Mark Bredenfoerder for all his years of service to the town and for his support of the police department and its officers through out the years.

Over the winter all police department personnel completed academy in-service training as well as CPR and first responder training. All members have also begun the federally mandated incident command training required of all municipal first responders.

Once again the department would like to thank all town residents for their continued support and remind all residence to buckle up during the busy summer months and drive carefully.

Eric R Munson III, Chief of Police

Results of Town Election

Held on May 20, 2006

292 Registered Voters - 77 Ballots Cast

Selectmen	for 3 years
Steven Della Guistina	76
Blank	1

Assessor	for 3 years
Susan H Voudren	73
Blank	4

Planning Board	for 5 years
Thomas Paine	72
Blanks	5

Library Trustee	for 3 years
Carolyn D. Locke	71
Nancy Grannan	1
Blank	5

Moderator	for 3 years
Wesley D. Greene III	52
Howard Kleinberg	1
Others	2
Blank	22

Regional School Committee	for 3 years
Theodore Locke III	70
Others	1
Blank	6

Sandisfield Arts Center

2006 PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

Chamber Orchestra to more jazz and pop oriented numbers with Bobby McFerrin and They Might Be Giants, the ensemble maintains a diverse repertoire all the while specializing in contemporary classical vocal. Vibrant attitudes and solid musicianship conspire for a rousing performance.

Sandisfield, MA -- The Sandisfield Arts Center announces its eleventh season of eclectic and exciting performances, workshops and forums to be held from May through October of 2006.

IN THE PERFORMANCE HALL

Saturday, May 27th - Arron Chamber Ensemble - Piano and String Trio --- An accomplished array of international musicians, the Arron Chamber Ensemble contains an ensemble of artists whose dedication to the chamber music repertoire is unquestionable. From the stages of Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall, the Arron Chamber Ensemble brings world-class music making to Sandisfield. Members include violinist Abraham Appleman, cellist Edward Arron, violist Ronald Arron, vocalist Benjamin Luxon, and pianist Jeewon Park.

Saturday, June 24 - Triple Play, with Chris Brubeck, Joel Brown and Peter "Madcat" Ruth (Annual Fundraiser to benefit the Bill Crofut Children's Art Fund) "Triple Play" is the name given to three outstanding and versatile musicians, Peter "Madcat" Ruth (on harmonica, guitar, jaw harp, percussion and vocals), Joel Brown (folk and classical acoustic guitar and vocals) and Chris Brubeck (electric bass, bass trombone, piano and vocals). Collectively they bring a rare level of joy, virtuosity, and American spirit to the folk, blues, jazz, funk and classical music they perform.

Saturday, July 22 - The Play "Valley Song" (by Athol Fugard) performed by Steve Stephenson's Rattler Productions Company. --- A young girl's blossoming ambition is interlaced with an elderly playwright's desire to reconnect with his humble origins in this post-apartheid tale of generational exchange. South African playwright Athol Fugard has spent decades decrying the injustices of his country's racial injustice through his politically-charged works, and in the process has become one of the English-language's most influential voices.

Saturday, Aug. 19 - Patty Larkin, Singer-Songwriter and Guitarist and Vanguard Records recording artist --- Award-winning guitar whiz, songwriter and singer Patty Larkin has been at the confluence of generations and styles since a precociously early age. Her yearning guitar music has encompassed everything from modal folk to the broodingly atmospheric, from playful pop tunes to naked soul searching. Touring internationally, Larkin has been winning praise from national critics and fans alike. Her work has appeared in several feature films and has been covered by other artists. Recently, she has been touring as part of La Guitara, a ground-breaking performance of women guitarists that explores the contribution of women to the evolution of modern guitar.

Saturday, September 16 - Kitchen Ceile, Irish song and dance --- The trio of Kitchen Ceile will performing a free concert of lilting jigs, driving reels, as well as stately waltzes and slow airs. Featuring George Wilson on fiddle, banjo, and vocals; Dora Hast on tin whistle and recorders; and Stan Scott on guitar, mandolin, banjo, and vocals; this ensemble aims to serve up a healthy portion of spirited songs in an atmosphere of unpretentious good humor.

Saturday, October 7th - Equal Voices, A 6-Member A Cappella Singing Group --- With roughly two centuries of collected vocal experience, the six-voice professional a cappella ensemble, Equal Voices, has been entertaining audiences of all musical persuasions. From performances of the classical repertoire with Anonymous 4 and the Orpheus IN THE INTIMATE LOWER LEVEL CAFÉ

Saturday, June 3 - Maggie Holtzberg, Fiddle with Mitch Nelin on bouzouki --- An evening of traditional dance tunes from Ireland, Shetland, and Scandinavia awaits those who hear this exciting duo of Maggie Holtzberg and Mitch Nelin. Ms. Holtzberg's masterful technique on the fiddle is accompanied by the wealth of sounds produced by the ringing strings of Mr. Nelin's long-neck bouzouki. Adventurous instrumentation and their experienced musicianship are sure to produce a rousing performance.

Sundays, June 4, 11, 18, and 25 - FORUM: VOICES OF PROTEST AND COMMUNITY IN TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICA

JUNE 4 10:30 AM - REBELS, RENEGADES AND COMMUNITY IN AMERICA, led by William Cohn, Sandisfield Arts Center Board Member, Visiting Professor of American Studies, Trinity College

JUNE 11 10:30 AM - NON-VIOLENCE FOR VIOLENT PEOPLE, led by Walter Wink, Member of the Sandisfield Arts Center, Professor Emeritus at Auburn Theological Seminary, Former Peace Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace

JUNE 18 CIVIL RIGHTS, led by Val Coleman, Sandisfield Arts Center Board Member, Life long advocate of social justice,

JUNE 25 FEMINISM, led by Audrey Manring, Associate Editor, THE WOMEN'S TIMES

Sundays, July 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10:30 AM: SUNDAY SHORTS - Recalling radio days' "The Story Hour", selected readings will be chosen and read by local actors and authors such as Val Coleman, Ben Luxon, Bonner McAllister, Suzanna Millonzi, George Preston and Simon Winchester.

Saturday, August 12th - An evening of Scottish Music, Stories and Humor.

Sunday, August 27th, Sandisfield resident, Charlene Peet will delight audience members with, "A Living Memoir in Music, Writing and Art". This will be an afternoon of Ms. Peet reading some of her own writings, and performing at the piano. Ms. Peet, also an accomplished artist, will display her paintings in the lower level gallery of the Arts Center.

Saturday, September 23 - Joel Brown, Classical Guitarist returns to the Sandisfield Arts Center for another delightful evening. Guitarist Joel Brown's eclectic career has taken him to England to record with the London Symphony, to Carnegie Hall with soprano Dawn Upshaw, and to recital performances with Frederika von Stade. He has appeared at New York's Alice Tully Hall with the Chamber Music Society of The Lincoln Center, the Tanglewood Festival, the Chamber Music Festival at Saratoga, Music in the Mountains in British Columbia and New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. He's best known to Sandisfield audiences as a long time collaborator with Bill Crofut.

The Sandisfield Arts Center is located on Hammertown Road off Route 57 in Sandisfield. Once a Baptist meeting house and orthodox synagogue, the historic 1839 building now serves as a community arts center known for its country charm and great acoustics. A small town noted for its scenic beauty and historic homes, Sandisfield is approximately 25 minutes east of Gt. Barrington, MA, north of Winsted, CT, and just south of Becket, MA. For more information or reservations call (413) 258-4100, or visit www.sandisfieldartscenter.org.

SANDISFIELD ARTS CENTER PRESENTS

MAGGIE HOLTZBERG, FIDDLE WITH MITCH NELIN ON BOUZOUKI

Sandisfield, MA - The Sandisfield Arts Center will be presenting Maggie Holtzberg on Fiddle with Mitch Nelin on bouzouki on Saturday, June 3 at 8:00pm.

An evening of traditional dance tunes from Ireland, the Shetland Islands, and Scandinavia awaits those who hear this exciting duo. Ms. Holtzberg's masterful technique on the fiddle is accompanied by the wealth of sounds produced by the ringing strings of Mr. Nelin's long-neck bouzouki. Adventurous instrumentation and their experienced musicianship are sure to produce a rousing performance in the intimate Lower Level Café.

Ms. Holtzberg started playing classical violin as a youngster, but by age 14 she was fiddling in a square dance band and competing in New England fiddle contests. Later, she set out to learn from master fiddler Tom Anderson in the Shetland Islands, as well as Irish fiddlers in New York City. Soon after, she joined the highly successful Irish group, How to Change a Flat Tire. The band performed throughout the U.S. and recorded two albums. During the 1980s, she performed and recorded four albums with the internationally-known Bill Crofut and Ben Luxon. In 1995, Ms. Holtzberg organized and toured throughout Northern Ireland with the Georgia Firecrackers, a group of southern Appalachian musicians and then went on to perform with The Flexible Flyers Stringband.

Tickets are \$20 and free to children 12 and under. For more information or reservations call (413) 258-4100 or visit www.sandisfieldartscenter.org.

Patrons are encouraged to bring non-perishable foods, and/or items of personal care (i.e. shampoo, soap, etc.) as donations to the People's Pantry food bank.

Tolland Board of Assessors.

The Tolland Board of Selectmen held a classification hearing on May 1st, 2006 at 6:00 pm. The meeting is held in order for the Board of Assessors to make recommendations to the Selectmen for tax rates for the three tiers of classification: residential, commercial, or industrial. As has been the case in the past, the Assessors recommended that all tiers be taxed at the same rate. This means, without exception, that all property owners in the town of Tolland pay the same tax rate.

It has also come to our attention that several property owners are concerned about our need to complete interior inspections of residential property. All inspections are done for the purposes of gaining true and fair data on each property. We are only interested in the interior room count, grade of materials and fixtures used in constructing the home and overall condition. We are not interested in looking behind every curtain and under beds. Only the information listed above is public record. Anything else would remain confidential. It is the hope of the Board of Assessors that you would let us do the best job possible to make sure that your assessment is full and fair. At least keep an open conversation with the Assessors so that we may come to an agreement.

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation

Tolland Board of Assessors

Tolland Public Library.

Nice to see the warm weather finally here. Welcome back to all the summer people. The library has been spruced up a bit since last summer and has all kinds of new things to enjoy.

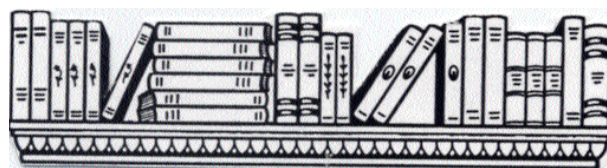
This month will be the opening of the Nature of Tolland Photographic exhibit. I hope you will all come and see what your neighbors think Tolland means to them. Many thanks to all of those people who contributed to the display. We should be up for viewing by June 5th.

I am asking that all patrons with overdue items make an effort to get them back to the Library and start the number with a clean slate. Remember that a card holders privileges are suspended if they have two or more overdue items until all items are returned.

I am also making another appeal for recent issues of People Magazine for a patron who is interested.

Look to the July Tattler for detailed information on upcoming event at the Library. Storytellers/Musicians Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell return to Tolland on August 10th. Try to save the date.

Hope to see you soon.



Tolland COA Picnic on June 22 at Wildwood

The Tolland Council on Aging is holding its Senior Picnic on Thursday, June 22, 2006 at the Wildwood Clubhouse from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All Tolland residents 60 years and older are invited to attend. Food and dinnerware will be provided. Just bring your bathing suits and enthusiasm as the beach will be open. There will also be shuffleboard, volleyball, and several canoes available for use.

Please RSVP to Gert McKay, COA Chairperson, at 413-258-3336 to let her know you will be coming. Please come! We hope to see many familiar and many new faces at this annual event!

Tolland 2006 Summer Yoga Class

The Tolland Council on Aging will again sponsor a Gentle Yoga Class for seniors in Tolland at the Tolland Town Hall this summer. Seniors from Granville and other towns and persons of any age, not just seniors, are also welcome to attend. The class will start at the end of June or right at the beginning of July and will be held in the morning one day a week for about 12 weeks. A small donation is requested. Stay tuned for more information about the day of the week and exact start up date in local newspapers and the Tattler next month. You may also call Gert McKay, COA Chairperson, at 413-258-3336 or Elethea Goodkin, Regional COA Coordinator, at 413-562-1095 for details. This is a great way to stay fit this summer! Hope to see you there!

Flyer of Senior Health & Fitness Activities Available

The Southern Hilltowns Councils on Aging Consortium has compiled a flyer listing the many ongoing health and fitness activities for seniors and also special events planned for Spring, 2006. The flyer is available from COAs or by calling Elethea Goodkin, Regional COA Coordinator, at 413-562-1095. The list has been created to help seniors find more opportunities to exercise and learn about their health. It includes opportunities for swimming, yoga, osteoporosis prevention weight lifting exercise, bowling, walking, fitness activities, and educational programs.

SANDISFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPONSORS RE-ENACTMENT OF EARLY 19TH CENTURY WEDDING ON AUTHENTIC SITE/FAMILY PICNIC / FUND RAISER OPEN TO MEMBERS, AREA RESIDENTS & OTHERS INTERESTED IN LOCAL HISTORY, BERKSHIRES PASTIMES

What: The Society is pleased to present an interpretive re-enactment of the wedding between Josiah Hulet and Mary Spring, that took place on July 4, 1815. The event will include authentic food and light beverages, and displays of period artifacts and amusements. The ceremony,, will take place at the 1784 Hulet homestead in the Beech Plain section of Sandisfield, Massachusetts..

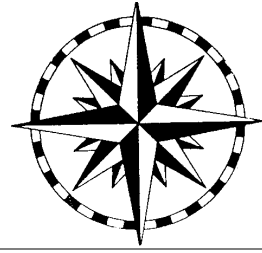
When & Where: Saturday, July 8, 2006, 2 to 5 pm, 182 Cold Spring Road, Sandisfield. (situated between Routes 23 and 8 in north Sandisfield)

Who: Society members will assume the characters of the wedding party. They will talk about their lives, in the early 19th century and engage attendees in an authentic setting. As was customary on Independence Day then, the Declaration of Independence will be read.

Why Attend: Learn about the customs and way of life of Berkshires pioneers on an actual home stead. Support the Society and its efforts to preserve local history. Donation: \$15 per person / \$25 couple. Under 12, no charge.

RVSP required by June 23, 2006 -. Contact: Roberta Myers at 413 269-4928 or Connie Canty at 258-4912. The Sandisfield Historical Society was incorporated in 1970. Its mission is to preserve local history and educate the community about it.

Tolland Weather



	MAX	DATE	TIME	MIN	DATE	TIME
TEMPERATURE	81	Apr 20	3pm	29	Apr 26	4am
HUMIDITY	100%	several times		not available		
DEWPOINT	57	Apr 15	10am	not available		
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	30.54	Apr 29	10am	29.56	Apr 15	4pm
WIND SPEED/DIRECTION	38NW	Apr 16	12pm			
WIND CHILL				17	Apr 25	8pm
TOTAL RAINFALL	7.48					

Elevation: 1500 feet above sea level
For the period: April 15 ro May 14, 2006

High Country weather prepared by Steve Strinie

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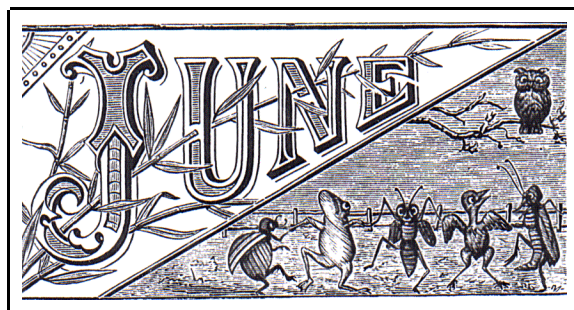
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JUNE 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. 3:00pm - 8:30pm Thurs. 11:00am - 4:00pm Sat. 10:00am -12:00pm				1	2	3
4	5 6:00pm Selectmen	6 7:00-10:00pm Fire Dept. Mtg. / Drill	7	8	9	10 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
3:00 - 7:00 pm DUMP			5-7:00pm DUMP			9 - 11:00 am DUMP
11	12	13 6:30pm Historical Soc.	14	15	16	17
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18	19 6:00pm Selectmen 7:00pm Planning Board	20 7:00-10:00pm Fire Dept. Mtg. / Drill	21	22	23	24 NATURE OF TOLLAND DAY
3:00 - 7:00 pm DUMP			5-7:00pm DUMP			9 - 11:00 am DUMP
25	26	27 1:00pm Board of Assessors	28	29	30	
3:00 - 7:00 pm DUMP			5-7:00pm DUMP			